(b) and (c) In order to meet the growing demand for container trains, it has been decided that organisations other than Container Corporation of India will also be considered for movement of container traffic.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) does not arise.

Separating Bhilai Steel Plant from SAIL

†604. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any proposal from Chhattisgarh Government for separating Bhilai Steel Plant in Chhattisgarh from Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, by when the same would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was not acceptable.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

SAIL's status

605. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) could not succeed, so far, to recover its sound financial health and is incurring heavy losses, despite Government's monetary help;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of financial help given, so far, by Government for restructuring Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) since February, 2000; and

(d) the present status of SAIL and the steps proposed to be taken in this respect?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.